

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PENSION FUND, et al.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Philadelphia

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)  
Maritellen D. Bello

Susanin, Widman & Brennan, P.C.

656 East Swedesford Road, Suite 330, Wayne, PA 19087

**DEFENDANTS**

VG CONCRETE, LLC

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF  
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3 Federal Question  
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity  
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- |   | PTF                                   | DEF                        |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2            | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3            | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit (15 USC 1681 or 1692) <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):  
Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 1002

Brief description of cause:  
Delinquent Benefit Contributions

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. *\$112, 204.01 plus injunctive relief*

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE



**DESIGNATION FORM**

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: See Attached List  
Address of Defendant: 240 Franklinville Road, Woolwich, NJ 08085  
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Philadelphia

**RELATED CASE, IF ANY:**

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

Civil cases are deemed related when **Yes** is answered to any of the following questions:

- |  |                              |  |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case ☐ is / ☒ is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 10-4-19 Mariellen Bello Must sign here 60375  
Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

**CIVIL: (Place a √ in one category only)**

**A. Federal Question Cases:**

- ☐ 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
- ☐ 2. FELA
- ☐ 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury
- ☐ 4. Antitrust
- ☐ 5. Patent
- ☒ 6. Labor-Management Relations
- ☐ 7. Civil Rights
- ☐ 8. Habeas Corpus
- ☐ 9. Securities Act(s) Cases
- ☐ 10. Social Security Review Cases
- ☐ 11. All other Federal Question Cases  
(Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:**

- ☐ 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
- ☐ 2. Airplane Personal Injury
- ☐ 3. Assault, Defamation
- ☐ 4. Marine Personal Injury
- ☐ 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
- ☐ 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 7. Products Liability
- ☐ 8. Products Liability – Asbestos
- ☐ 9. All other Diversity Cases  
(Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION**

(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.)

I, Mariellen D. Bello, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:

☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:

☒ + in addition to  
Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 10-4-19 Mariellen Bello Sign here if applicable 60375  
Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

**Plaintiff List**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LABORERS'  
DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSTRUCTION  
INDUSTRY PENSION FUND  
PO Box 37003  
Philadelphia, PA 19122

LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL  
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PENSION FUND  
PO Box 37003  
Philadelphia, PA 19122

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LABORERS'  
DISTRICT COUNCIL BUILDING AND  
CONSTRUCTION HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND  
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501 Lancaster Pike  
Exton, PA 19341

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DISTRICT COUNCIL LABORERS-EMPLOYERS  
COOPERATION AND EDUCATION TRUST  
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EMPLOYERS COOPERATION AND EDUCATION  
TRUST  
665 North Broad Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19123

GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS'  
ASSOCIATION  
36 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Street  
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STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH AND SAFETY FUND  
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THE LABORERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL  
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PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY,  
LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH  
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665 N. Broad Street, 2nd Fl.  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM**

Board of Trustees of the Laborers' District	:	
Council Construction Industry Pension	:	
Fund, et al.	:	
v.	:	
	:	
VG Concrete, LLC	:	

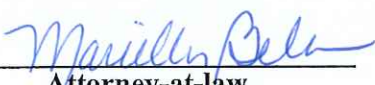
CIVIL ACTION

NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

**SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:**

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ( )
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ( )
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ( )
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ( )
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ( )
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (X)

<u>10-4-19</u> <b>Date</b> (610) 710-4510	 <b>Attorney-at-law</b> (610) 710-4520	Plaintiffs <b>Attorney for</b> mbello@swbcounsellors.com
<b>Telephone</b>	<b>FAX Number</b>	<b>E-Mail Address</b>

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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CIVIL ACTION NO.

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Plaintiffs

v.

VG CONCRETE, LLC  
240 Franklinville Road  
Woolwich, NJ 08085

Defendant



## **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs, by and through their undersigned attorney, hereby file this Complaint against VG Concrete, LLC (hereafter referred to as "Defendant Employer"). In support of their claims, Plaintiffs aver as follows:

## **THE PARTIES**

1. The Laborers' District Council Construction Industry Pension Fund ("Pension Fund") is a trust fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, ("the LMRA"), 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5), and an employee benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1002(3). The Board of Trustees of the Pension Fund ("Pension Fund Trustees") manages and controls the Pension Fund. The Pension Fund Trustees are fiduciaries within the meaning of section 502(a)(1)(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C., Section 1132(a)(1)(3). The Pension Fund Trustees, individually and collectively, bring this action in their fiduciary capacity on behalf of the Pension Fund and its participants and beneficiaries.

2. The Laborers' District Council Health and Welfare Fund ("Health and Welfare Fund") is a trust fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5), and an employee benefit plan under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3). The Board of Trustees of the Health and Welfare Fund ("Health and Welfare Fund Trustees") manages and controls the Health and Welfare Fund. The Health and Welfare Fund Trustees are fiduciaries within the meaning of section 502(a)(1)(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C., Section 1132(a)(1)(3). The Health and Welfare Fund Trustees, individually



and collectively, bring this action in their fiduciary capacity on behalf of the Health and Welfare Fund and its participants and beneficiaries.

3. The Laborers' District Council Prepaid Legal Services Fund ("Legal Services Fund") is a trust fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5), and an employee benefit plan under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3). The Board of Trustees of the Legal Services Fund ("Legal Services Fund Trustees") manages and controls the Legal Services Fund. The Legal Services Fund Trustees are fiduciaries within the meaning of section 502(a)(1)(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C., § 1132(a)(1)(3). The Legal Services Fund Trustees, individually and collectively, bring this action in their fiduciary capacity on behalf of the Legal Services Fund and its participants and beneficiaries.

4. The Laborers' District Council Education and Training/Apprenticeship Fund ("Training Fund") is a trust fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5), and an employee benefit plan under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3). The Board of Trustees of the Training Fund ("Training Fund Trustees") manages and controls the Training Fund. The Training Fund Trustees are fiduciaries within the meaning of section 502(a)(1)(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C., Section 1132(a)(1)(3). The Training Fund Trustees, individually and collectively, bring this action in their fiduciary capacity on behalf of the Training Fund and its participants and beneficiaries.

5. The Laborers' District Council Laborers' Employers' Cooperation and Education Trust ("LECET Fund") is a trust fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5), and an employee benefit plan under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3). The Board of Trustees of the LECET Fund ("LECET Fund Trustees") manages and controls the LECET Fund. The LECET Fund Trustees are fiduciaries within the meaning of section 502(a)(1)(3) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C., Section 1132(a)(1)(3). The LECET Fund Trustees, individually and collectively, bring this action in their fiduciary capacity on behalf of LECET Fund and its participants and beneficiaries.

6. The Laborers' Philadelphia Area Local Health and Safety Fund ("Health and Safety Fund") is a trust fund established and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 302(c)(5) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §186(c)(5) for the purpose of providing health and safety benefits through qualified health and safety benefit programs. Plaintiff Board of Trustees of the Health and Safety Fund ("Health and Safety Fund Trustees") manages and controls the Health and Safety Fund. The Health and Safety Fund Trustees are fiduciaries of the Health and Safety Fund and the Health and Safety Fund Trustees, individually and collectively, bring this action in their fiduciary capacity on behalf of the Health and Safety Fund and its participants and beneficiaries.

7. Except for the Health and Safety Fund, each of the aforementioned Funds is a "multi-employer plan" under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(37). Each of the aforementioned Funds maintains its principal place of business in Philadelphia, PA, with the exception of the Training Fund, which maintains its principal place of

business in Exton, PA. The aforementioned Funds will be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Funds." The Funds, which are employee benefit plans under ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(3), will be hereinafter referred to collectively as the "ERISA Funds".

8. Alan R. Parham, 665 N. Broad Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19123 is the administrator of the Funds.

9. The General Building Contractors Association ("GBCA") is an association of construction industry contractors and service providers. The GBCA sponsors and manages the GBCA Industry Advancement Program ("GBCA IAP") which is funded by contributions required under the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the GBCA and the Laborers' District Council.

10. The Laborers' District Council of the Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia and Vicinity, Laborers' International Union of North America ("the Union" or "Laborers' District Council") is an unincorporated labor organization engaged in representing employees for the purpose of collective bargaining.

11. The Union's Political Action Committee fund (hereafter "PAC") is funded by employers' deductions of wages from all employees covered by the Agreement and contributions are made to the Laborers' District Council PAC.

12. Defendant Employer is an employer in an industry affecting commerce within the meaning of Section 301(a) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185(a), and ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1002(5). Defendant Employer's last known address is 240 Franklinville Road, Woolwich, NJ 08085.



### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

13. This Court has jurisdiction over the causes of action alleging a violation of ERISA pursuant to ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §§1132(a)(3), (d)(1) & 1145. This Court has jurisdiction over the causes of action alleging a violation of LMRA pursuant to Section 301(a) of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. §185(a). This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. §1367(a) because the state law claims derive from the same common nucleus of operative facts as Plaintiffs' federal law claims.

14. Venue is proper in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §185(a) and 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2). The above-identified Funds are administered in said judicial district and, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391, substantial parts of the events giving rise to the claims (e.g. performance of the covered work/projects) are believed to have occurred within this judicial district. In addition, upon information and belief, the parties regularly conduct business within this judicial district.

### **COMMON FACTS**

15. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 14.

16. The aforementioned Funds are created and administered pursuant to the terms of the Trust Agreements that are properly executed pursuant to state and local law.

17. Since at least August 16, 2016 to date, Defendant was signatory to, or otherwise bound by, a collective bargaining agreement, and its amendments and

extensions, between the GBCA and Concrete Contractors' Association Classification Building and General Construction and the Laborers' District Council which sets forth, *inter alia*, the wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment of laborers employed by the Defendant. See e.g. Exhibit A (hereafter generally referred to as the "GBCA CBA").

18. The GBCA CBA (hereafter referred to as the "Agreement") automatically renews from year to year unless each party gives notice in writing to the other party ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the term, or of any extended term. To date, neither Plaintiffs nor Defendant Employer have given such notice of intention to terminate.

19. Defendant Employer also agreed to abide by the terms of agreements and declarations of trust, as from time to time amended ("Trust Agreements"), pertaining to Plaintiff Funds and incorporated into the Agreement. Throughout this Complaint, references to the Agreement include and incorporate the related Trust Agreements.

20. Pursuant to the Agreement and by virtue of its consent to become bound by the terms and conditions of employment negotiated by and between the Associations and the Union covering all work performed within the trade and geographic jurisdiction of the Union, Defendant Employer is required to remit reports, contributions, and deductions due for all hours of work performed by its employees under the Agreement in the preceding month to the Plaintiffs. As of this date, Defendant Employer is delinquent in its obligations to remit all its reports,

contributions, and/or deductions due under the GBCA CBA, at least during the audited period to the present.

21. Pursuant to the Agreement, related Trust Agreements, delinquency policy, and/or applicable law, Plaintiffs are entitled to an audit of Defendant Employer to inspect and make copies of any and all records of the Employer pertaining to compensation paid to employees, hours worked by employees, monies withheld from employees for taxes paid on account of employees, and all other records relevant to, and of assistance in, determining whether the Employer's obligations thereunder to make payments to the Fund Depository were faithfully performed.

22. Perry N. Blackman, CPA, engaged in an audit of Defendant Employer. He prepared an audit report dated September 30, 2019 in which he reported amounts due from Defendant Employer to Plaintiffs totaling \$112,204.01 for the audited period. This includes principal of \$110,404.01 and an \$1,800.00 audit fee. A copy of the Audit Report is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference.

23. Despite written notice and demands for delinquent reports and amounts due, Defendant Employer has failed to comply with its obligations under the GBCA CBA.

24. Pursuant to the Agreement, related Trust Agreements, delinquency policy, and/or applicable law, Defendant Employer also agreed to pay and owes the Plaintiffs accrued interest at the rate provided in the applicable CBA, trust agreements and policies; liquidated damages; costs of suit and audit; and



attorneys' fees and costs. Pursuant to the Agreement, interest continues and has continued to accrue daily.

25. Defendant Employer owes the Plaintiffs liquidated damages which, under applicable law and the Agreement, Trust Agreements, and/or delinquency policy, are at least 10% of the principal.

26. Defendant Employer will also owe the Plaintiffs any audit fees necessary to ascertain additional amounts owed through judgment.

27. Because Defendant Employer violated its reporting obligations under the Agreement, the Plaintiffs have been forced to incur additional administrative and legal expenses in ascertaining the extent of Defendant Employer's violation and in attempting to correct the arrearage.

28. As long as the delinquent contributions and deductions and accompanying costs, fines, liquidated damages, and penalties remain unpaid and/or continue to accrue, the Plaintiffs lose the benefits of monetary income that would otherwise be realized if the contributions had been remitted by Defendant Employer in a timely fashion.

29. These economic losses impair, or may impair, the Funds' ability to provide benefits to Defendant Employer's employees and to employees of other companies that have paid their contributions.

30. Plaintiffs are prejudiced by the failure of Defendant Employer to timely pay the delinquent amounts.

31. Defendant Employer's continued violation of the Agreement irreparably injures the Funds.

**COUNT ONE**  
**GBCA ERISA CLAIM**

32. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 31.

33. Defendant Employer has failed to make reports, contributions, and deductions to the Plaintiff ERISA Funds in violation of 29 U.S.C. §1145.

34. Defendant Employer owes the Plaintiff ERISA Funds covered by the GBCA CBA accurate remittance reports, unpaid contributions, and deductions, as well as accrued interest, liquidated damages, audit costs, and attorneys' fees and costs.

35. Section 502(a)(3)(B)(ii) of ERISA permits the Plaintiff ERISA Funds to seek equitable enforcement of the terms of the Agreement.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff ERISA Funds request this Court grant the following relief:

(a) that judgment be entered against Defendant Employer and in favor of all Plaintiff ERISA Funds covered by the GBCA CBA, as mandated by Section 502(g)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2), in the amount of total unpaid contributions, deductions, accrued interest, audit fees, costs, fines, liquidated damages, and penalties determined to be due and owing to the Plaintiff ERISA Funds before, during and as a consequence of the pendency of this lawsuit; interest on the unpaid contributions, and deductions at the rate provided under §502(g)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(g)(2); an amount equal to the greater of (i) interest on the unpaid contributions, or (ii) liquidated damages as prescribed by the plan, the collective bargaining

agreement(s), and/or by statute; reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the action; and

(b) order that Defendant Employer cooperate with an independent payroll audit conducted by Plaintiffs' agent; and

(c) such other legal or equitable relief as this Court may deem appropriate.

**COUNT TWO**  
**BREACH OF GBCA CBA**

36. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 35.

37. Defendant Employer has failed to make accurate and complete remittance reports, contributions, and deductions to the Plaintiffs as required by the GBCA CBA and therefore owes the Plaintiffs the reports, contributions, and/or deductions as well as audit fees, accrued interest, liquidated damages, and attorneys' fees and costs.

38. Defendant Employer's failure to make the required timely contributions and deductions and its failure to comply with its obligation to send to the Plaintiffs remittance reports that fully, accurately, and completely report the hours of work performed by its employees under the GBCA CBA is a breach of contract and subject to § 301 of the LMRA, 29 U.S.C. § 185(a).

39. The Plaintiffs covered by the GBCA CBA have been damaged by the failure of the Defendant Employer to make contributions and deductions and submit accurate remittance reports as required by the Agreement.

**WHEREFORE,** Plaintiffs request this Court grant the following relief:



(a) that judgment be entered against Defendant Employer and in favor of all Plaintiffs covered by the GBCA CBA in the amount of total unpaid contributions, deductions, accrued interest, audit fees, costs, fines, liquidated damages, and penalties determined to be due and owing to the Plaintiffs before, during and as a consequence of the pendency of this lawsuit; plus any additional amounts which are found to be due and owing during the pendency of this litigation including, but not limited to, accrued interest, audit fees, and attorneys' fees incurred in this action or in the collection and enforcement of any judgment, as provided by the Agreement; and

(b) order that Defendant Employer cooperate with an independent payroll audit conducted by Plaintiffs' agent; and

(c) such other legal or equitable relief as this Court may deem appropriate.

**COUNT THREE**  
**GBCA AND UNION THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY CLAIM**

40. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 39.

41. The GBCA and the Union are intended third party beneficiaries of the Agreement.

42. Defendant Employer was required under the terms and conditions of the Agreement to remit reports, contributions, and/or deductions to the GBCA, the GBCA IAP, the Union, and/or the PAC.

43. Defendant Employer's failure to make the required timely reports, contributions, and/or deductions and its failure to comply with its obligation to send remittance reports to the Plaintiffs that fully, accurately, and completely report the hours of work performed by its employees under the Agreement is a breach of contract and the GBCA and/or the Union have been deprived of the benefit flowing therefrom to which they are entitled.

**WHEREFORE,** Plaintiffs GBCA and the Union request this Court enter judgment in their favor and against Defendant Employer and order that Defendant Employer cooperate with an independent payroll audit conducted by the Plaintiffs' agent and enter judgment against Defendant Employer and in favor of the GBCA and the Union in the amount of total unpaid contributions and deductions, accrued interest, audit fees, costs, fines, liquidated damages, and penalties determined to be due and owing to the GBCA and the Union before, during and as a consequence of the pendency of this lawsuit; plus any additional amounts which are found to be due and owing during the pendency of this litigation including, but not limited to, accrued interest, audit fees, and attorneys' fees incurred in this action or in the collection and enforcement of any judgment, as provided by the Agreement; and that the Court award the GBCA and the Union such other legal or equitable relief as this Court may deem appropriate.

**COUNT FOUR**  
**DEMAND FOR AUDIT**

44. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 43.

45. The Agreement, related Trust Agreements, and delinquency policies authorize the Trustees' auditors to audit the Employers bound by the Agreement.

46. Unless an updated audit of Defendant Employer is performed, Plaintiffs will not have sufficient information or knowledge to plead the precise nature, extent, and amount of Defendant Employer's delinquency through judgment.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs request the Court:

(a) To order Defendant Employer, its officers, employees, representatives, and/or agents to permit an audit by the Plaintiffs' auditor of all records under the Defendant Employer's actual or constructive control and, in the absence of said records, to cooperate fully in alternative method(s) for the determination of work for which contributions are due; and

(b) To grant such other relief as this Court deems just, necessary, and appropriate.

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Date: 10/4/19

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Mariellen Bello, Esquire, do hereby certify that on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Complaint to be served upon the following persons by U.S. mail, postage prepaid:

Secretary of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20224

and

Secretary of Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington D.C. 20220

Date: 10/4/19

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